

iv. at the given node checking the information with the error checking code to determine that the information is correct.

1 18. The method of claim 14 wherein the step of assigning the virtual path to the given
2 node further includes

3 iii. the given node requesting the assignment from the hub node, and

4 iv. ~~the hub node responding to the request with the assignment.~~

1 19. The method of claim 14 wherein the step of communicating the virtual path
2 assignment to all of the nodes includes updating routing tables maintained by the nodes.

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